

ILLINOIS HISTORIC SITES ADVISORY COUNCIL

Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library
112 N. 6th St.
Multipurpose Room

Thursday, December 8, 2011

Presiding: Douglas Gilbert, Chair

Council Members Present:

Brian Adams
Carol Marcus
Rachel Ensor
Jan Mangers
Douglas Gilbert
Ruth Knack

Jill Doak
Alice Novak
Steve Thompson
Carol Yetken
Joe Craig
Edward Russo

Non-Voting Council Members Present:

Gary Stockton and Angela Gobel-Bain

Staff Members Present:

Andrew Heckenkamp
Terri Malawy
Amy Hathaway

Anna Margaret Barris
Mike Jackson
Catherine O'Connor

Guests:

Anne Mc Guire
Danielle Euer
Sue and Howard Landon
Cindy Lynn

Darius Bryjka
Judith Puckett
Gene Beenenga

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 2:36 pm. Roll was taken. Bradley and Monroe were not present.

READING OF THE MINUTES

Minutes were approved as read.

CHAIR REPORT

Chair welcomed everyone to the Council meeting and went over the procedures for the day.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

St. John's Episcopal Church (Albion). Judith Puckett gave the presentation. It is eligible in the National Register under Criterion C for architecture as a good local example of Gothic Revival. It meets Criteria Consideration A for a religious property that derives its primary significance from architectural distinction. The period of significance is from 1842, the year it was built, until 1891, when the church was remodeled. The church, which would be the first listing in Edwards County, is the only representation of 19th Century Gothic Revival architecture in Albion. Motion to recommend was made by Ensor and seconded by Thompson. Staff opinion was positive. Motion carried.

Cermak Road Bridge Historic District (Chicago). Anne McGuire spoke to the recommendation by the Commission on Chicago Landmarks and the City of Chicago to nominate the district, which was locally designated in 2006. Danielle Euer gave the presentation. It is eligible in the National Register under criterion A for industry as an intact grouping of manufacturing and warehouse buildings from the early twentieth century; and for Criterion C for architecture, as a good local example of styles including Prairie, Gothic Revival and Chicago Style; and for engineering as the last remaining double leaf Scherzer rolling lift bridge in operation in Chicago. The period of significance is from 1901 to 1924, the period of time between the earliest and latest construction dates. Council had questions regarding the boundaries. Gilbert asked about the period of significance for Criterion A. Thompson requested more context for architect Hammond and had questions concerning the citations. Yetken recommended to mention the water tanks on the buildings. Motion to recommend was made by Yetken and seconded by Russo. Staff opinion was positive. Motion carried.

Fisher-Chapman Farmstead (Jerseyville vicinity). Cindy Lynn gave the presentation. It is eligible in the National Register under Criterion A for agriculture and Criterion C for architecture as a good local example of Italianate. The period of significance for agriculture is from 1867, the year the farm was purchased, until 1960, when the farm was sold and subdivided. The period of significance for architecture is from 1867, the year the house was built, until ca, 1910, the date of the last historic alteration to the house. Novak asked why this was not a district. Hathaway responded that farmsteads could be nominated as either districts or buildings, but did not know why this one in particular was not. Novak mentioned that since the ticket booth was not moved onto the property until the 1970s it would have to be considered non-contributing. Yetken recommended a better site plan showing the setting, the garden, and the collection of buildings indicating when they were added. Property owners Sue and Howard Landon answered questions about the farmstead. Motion to recommend was made by Yetken and seconded by Craig. Staff opinion was positive. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 4:02 pm.